

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q75241

Tsutomu ISHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/623,657

Group Art Unit: 2627

Confirmation No.: 4739

Examiner: Tan X. DINH

Filed: July 22, 2003

For: OPTICAL DEVICE, OPTICAL MODULE, AND OPTICAL HEAD AND OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2006, in which the Examiner has required a restriction, Applicant responds by electing Group II, *i.e.*, claims 4-7, 13-18 and 26, drawn to an optical module. This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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